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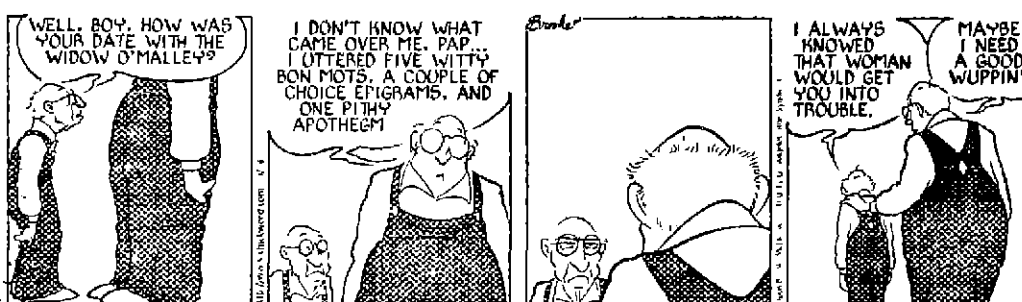
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



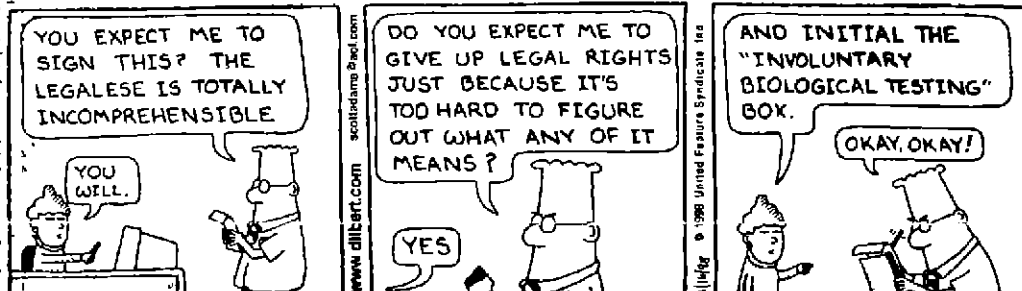
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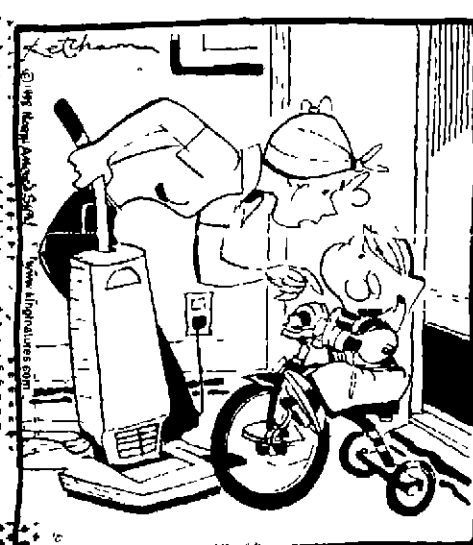
MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



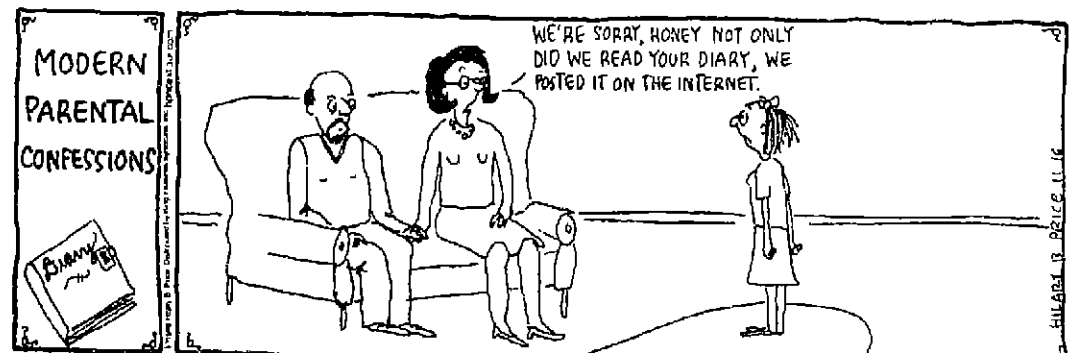
DENNIS THE MENACE



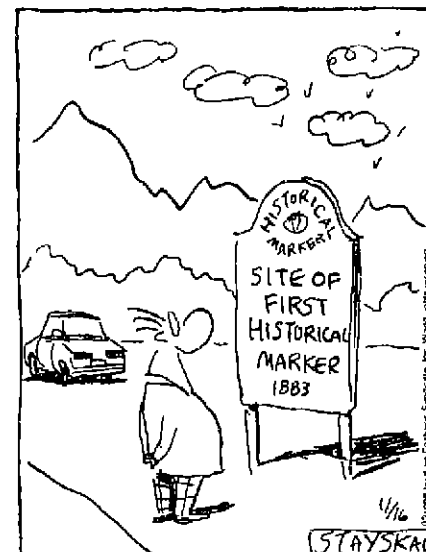
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

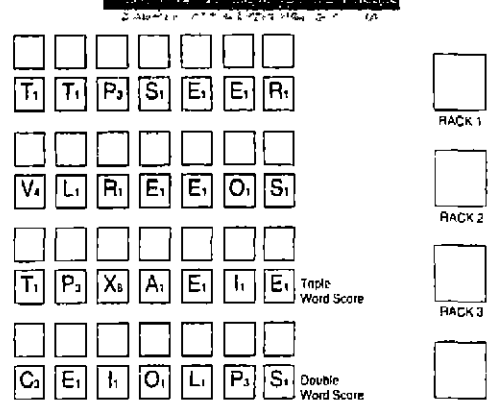
Actor Clu Gulager is 70. Tennis player Zina Garrison is 35. Baseball player Dwight Gooden is 34. Actress Lisa Bonet is 31. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brynnae (Color Me Badd) is 29. Actress Tammy Lauren ("Martial Law") is 28. Actress Martha Plimpton is 28. Olympic gold medal figure skater Oksana Balu is 21.

I NEED HELP



Buffy the Vampire Slayer: the early years.

SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 190-200 by JUDD
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using starting directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW
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WORD SLEUTH

Oils

R K H E B Y V S P M J H E B Y
V T Q O R L I J G D B Y W T D
R P M K I E F O D B Y W U S E
Q O D M K I W J R O T O M F E
D B Z E T U N O C O C X W U S
S V E G E T A B L E T Q E O N
N L J V U S H A W F F S L D O
C A Y N I W N V H T N S A Q T
P N A L K L R I A I H U H C T
F E E C D N O M L A P B S Z O
P Y W V U S C R E V I L D O C

Saturday's unlisted clue: DISCOUNT
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: LUBRICATES YOUR ENGINE.

Almond Corn Olive Sunflower
Castor Cottonseed Palm Vegetable
Coconut Jojoba Peanut Whale
Cod-liver Linseed Shale

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HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you might be longing to make new allies at work, trying too hard will be to your disadvantage.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Don't be afraid to wear your heart on your sleeve today.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Try to get your point across one more time before you give up.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You dare to enter an unusual social situation, and the results are splendid.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Your powerful charm lets you squeeze gracefully through a tight spot.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Attempts to analyze the unknown are fruitful.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A little time on your own is needed.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Remember that your only limit is your imagination.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Gaining a new source of strength is as easy as accepting a few limitations.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Remember that you never know where someone will be in a few years' time. Blowing off a nobody might lead you to kick yourself.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Try to ignore the part of you that wishes to remain cautious; now is the time to throw your worries to the wind.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Focusing on a simple project provides the key to calming the burning fires within you.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West leads his diamond king, and the future for the defenders depends on East's play to trick one. If East encourages a continuation by playing his nine, West will cash his ace, and South escapes with game. West has no effective switch at trick three, and South loses only one more trick (to West's trump ace). He discards his club queen on dummy's long heart and has no need to risk a club finesse. How does a cooperative defense beat the game? East must signal effectively at trick one. Instead of signaling rapidly with his diamond nine, East should play his queen. East's play of the queen promises the jack (the queen might be a singleton) and asks West to underlead his ace at trick two. When East wins the second diamond, he makes the obvious switch to clubs, and South feels the heat. It doesn't matter whether he takes the finesse or wins his ace. With the trump ace still at large, South must lose a trump and a club. These, together with two diamond tricks already lost, net the defenders a deserved one down.

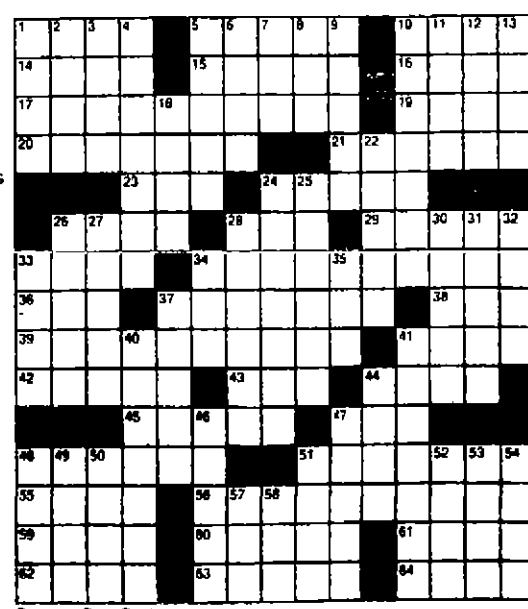
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1005

ACROSS
1 Shrieking working
8 Wetland
10 Big dud
14 Butter substitute
15 80's-90's singer Baker
16 Not prerecorded
17 Kids' building playthings
19 Prophetic sign
20 Rat link
21 Private instructors
23 Corrida cry
24 Deep chasm
26 Actress Lollobrigida
28 Wily
29 It gives an artist backing
33 Carson's successor
34 Not mass-produced
36 Santa _____ Calif.
37 Tolkien creatures
38 "Mamma _____"
39 Queen's subject?
41 Tilt, as the head
42 Oregon's capital
43 Actor Vigoda
44 Excellent, in modern slang
45 "Stars and Stripes Forever" composer
47 "Ben-_____"
48 _____ scampi
49 Winnie-the-Pooh's creator
50 Telly Savalas's lack
51 Small telescopes
52 First word in a fairy tale
53 "Silas Marner" novelist
54 Soviet news agency
55 Lyric poems
56 Salad bar servers
57 1988 Olympic gold-medal swimmer Krstin
DOWN
1 Oodles
2 Came down to earth
3 Greek philosopher of paradox fame
4 John Lennon's wife
5 One of the Osmonds
6 Poker player's payment
7 Brazilian city
8 P's & Q's
9 Rash
10 Ocean debris
11 Car with a bar
12 Out's partner
13 State prisons
14 Grammy winner Fitzgerald
15 Computer operators
16 Poor woodcutter of folklore
17 "Puzzle by Peter Gordon," e.g.
18 Italian salami city
19 Counting everything
20 Trench natives

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SHOWOFF ANVILS
HASHOVER ICONIC
ASTUTELY LANCER
RAMP NIPPER ODE
PTA GARD FLOE
STIRS MINI CLOWN
TRO TISWYTURN
ALFA AONE
THIRTEENLY NFC
BREED INSO TALC
HEAD BOSC REA
EAT TENURE AGAR
ACHIEVE LETAONE
CLEVER TANTONES
HEHEST JAWTTERS



Puzzles by Peter Gordon

47 Ceases
48 "Gill"
49 Round of applause
50 Houston university
51 Full of excitement
52 Future attorney's exam Abbr.
53 Hornet's home
54 Old gas brand
57 Arafat's org
58 Yang's counterpart
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